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of the hands of the publisher and

ready for production. Supervisor Sands W. Forman, formerly a prominent newspaper man and general writer of note, essayed the libretto, and selected as his subject the landing of Captain Cook on the Hawaiian Isles in 1778. This opened up rare possibilities in the way of unique ballets and languorous cadences, and the few to whom the completed work has been submitted are hearty in their praise of the way in which the com-poser and librettist have worked out their idea. When "The Bostonians" were here last they heard some of the numbers of the first act and were so well pleased with them that they insisted they should have the first chance at securing the opera. So copies have been sent to the managers for their perusal and there is a prospect that this latest product of Western genius

may soon have the country by the ears. After an overture containing the hemes of the entire opera, the first act pens with the landing of the sailors from the Resolute and the Discovery, and their swinging chorus beginning

O'er many a league of the trackless sea—
Sing ho for the wind that's fair!
Sing ho, yo ho, yo ho!
We've sailed along, we mariners free—
Sing ho for the maidens rare!
Sing ho, yo ho, yo ho! Boatswain Mairley, the grumbler of he crew, tries to throw cold water on the fun, but Cupples, the surgeon, sings a sad tale of how the crew of the good ship Retriever died of the fever on his

hands and turns the laugh on Mairley :

We were homeward bound, with hopeful hearts, In the good old ship Retriever; We left old Malta far behind When we broke out with the fever.
Be sure our luck was bad enough,
Worse fate no one could wish us;
Some sailor died at every hour
And went to feed the fishes. The more I dosed the more they did, Yet I worked them off quite handy. Within the brine we popped the crew-The officers in brandy.

A neater lad ne'er trod the deck-A neater lad ne'er trod the deck—
A prince among his fellows—
Than Bates, poor sou!, until the day
He wan off with "the yellows."
But when they broached his cask at hor
What think you was within it?
A mummy, lads, for Mairley'd drank
Till not a drop was in it.
Then harken, mates, to what I say—
In truth, I speak you fairly—
Drink not to deep of any cup!

Drink not to deep of any cup! Take warning by old Marley

and at once bursts forth into a bold and breezy piratical solo: In me you behold a captain bold,
A skipper as gallant as e'er sailed away,
A ruler by right who sways by his might,
And woe to the varlet who fails to obey.
My sovereign I honor, my flag I uphold
In whatever land perchance I may stray,
But like any skipper I do as I please
When the bark bowls along with a fine
spanking breeze.

Captain Cook then comes ashore

spanking breeze.

And woe to the lubber who is deaf to my call
When the winds roar and howl in the midst
of a squall. After another chorus the sailors leave look and Cupples and the natives ome marching down chanting a pæan o Pele. This is wierdly characteristic and begins :

We praise the gods on high; We rend the arching sky; With songs that Pele's deeds recount, Dread goddess of the fiery mount. Then there is a dince and proceson, and the natives, with King Kalaopour and his daughter, the Princess a Is, go toward the volcano to worship he goddess. Meeting Cook, they fall down before him as the White God, whose coming their traditions predicted. The King tells of the predictions of Koko Bola, his soothsayer, and offers to share his throne with Cook and to give him the Princess Ia Ia to wife. The other maidens pair with the sailors and Ia Ia sings a simple,

beautiful melody thought by many to be the gem of the opera: A fern leaf grew in a forest glade, Where the sunbeam peeped in its coyest Where am'rous youth and beauty strayed, And Cupid King held tegal sway, its thoughts were all of love and life,

So tar removed from toll and strife.
Where all the air was full of love.
The boughs and branches far above.
The birds all sang the self-same song
And warbled on the whole day long;
How sweet is love! Now how could this tiny leaf apart, In an atmosphere so fond and warm Its heart preserve from the lover's dart?
Whose the fault if it came to harm?

Whose the fault if it came to narm?
What wonder, then, it drooped and died
When Cupid's arrow pierced its side?
With none to shield it, none to guard,
Poor little fern leaf stricken hard.
And so throughout the livelong day
It ever same its sweet, said lay: It ever sang its sweet, sad lay: How sweet is love! The first act closes with a duet be-

ween Cook and Ia Ia and a grand chorus of joy. The opening of the second act shows

preparations for the wedding of the (Continued on Sixth Page.)